MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

THE REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

ON THE

OPERATIONS OF THAT ESTABLISHMENT DURING THE LAST YEAR.

JANUARY 9, 1816.

Read and ordered to lie on the table.

WASHINGTON:

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1816.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

I communicate for the information of congress, the report of the director of the mint, of the operation of that establishment during the last year.

JAMES MADISON.

January 8th, 1816.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,
January 1, 1816.

SIR,

I have the honour, at this time, of laying before you, a report of the operations of the mint, during the last year.

From the statement of the treasurer, herewith transmitted, it will appear, that during that period there have been struck at the mint—

In gold coins, 635 pieces, amounting to 3,175 dollars;

In silver coins, 69,232 pieces, amounting to 17,308 dollars; making in the whole 69,867 pieces, amounting to 20,483 dollars.

The high price of gold and silver bullion, for some time past, in the current paper money of the country, has prevented, and, as long as this shall continue to be the case, must necessarily prevent, deposites of these metals being made for coinage, to any considerable amount. But a fresh supply of copper having lately been received at the mint, we have again resumed the coinage of cents; and it is believed that we shall, in the course of the year, should no failure in the expected supply of copper take place, be fully able to coin fifty tons weight, amounting to nearly 47,000 dollars; and that, with a regular supply of copper, which can readily be procured, on terms highly advantageous to government, we can continue to coin fifty tons per annum, as long as it may be judged expedient.

The circulation of these copper coins, and of those heretofore issued from the mint, (amounting to 251,646 dollars,) and which must be still nearly all in the country, would, it is presumed, soon

supply, in a great measure, the place of the small silver coins, which have now almost totally disappeared.

I have the honour to be, sir,
With the greatest respect and
esteem,
Your most obedient servant,
R. PATTERSON.

James Madison,
President of the United States.

A STATEMENT of the coins struck at the Mint of the United States, from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1815, inclusive, viz :

Gold coins, . . .	635	half eagles, . .	$ 3,175
Silver coins, . . .	69,232	quarter dollars, . .	17,308
Number of pieces, . .	69,867	dollars,	20,483

Mint of the United States,

Treasurer's Office, Phila. 30*th Dec.* 1815,

JAMES RUSH.

AN ABSTRACT of the ordinary expenses of the Mint of the United States, from 1st January to the 31st December, 1815, inclusive, viz:

Amount paid, in salaries of the Officers and Clerks, . .	$ 9,766	67
do. wages of Labourers, . . , .	3,116	44
do. Incidental and contingent expenses, . .	1,612	03
Total Amount, dollars,	14,495	14

Mint of the United States,

Treasurer's Office, Phila. 30th Dec. 1815.

JAMES RUSH.